

ASK AID OF UNCLE SAM

Porto Ricans at Hilo Want to Go Home.

HILO, Hawaii, Nov. 29.—Porto Ricans resident in and about Hilo held a meeting Sunday evening in the Japanese theater, at which they discussed ways and means of returning to their native country. Many of the Porto Ricans are homesteaders and the laborers on the plantations are eager to make trouble by the men out of work in the city.

Some of the men present at the meeting suggested that the sugar planters should pay their return passage, having brought them here in the first place.

After a general discussion it was decided to ask the United States to provide transportation facilities for their return to Porto Rico and a committee was appointed to prepare a memorial, which will be presented to the Washington government.

There are now nearly four thousand Porto Ricans in the country and it is said that a majority of them are in favor of going back to their old homes.

HILO RAILROAD DEPOT.

The depot building of the Hilo railroad at the corner of Front and Wai-anuehue will be a great improvement to that part of Hilo. The structure will be of two stories, with a tower 100 feet high, and will be in imitation of stone. The ground floor will be divided into express and ticket offices, and there will be a large waiting room for passengers. The depth of the station will be 150 feet, so that it will be large enough to accommodate a full train.

The building will front on Wai-anuehue street and extend around the post-office so that the freight and express offices will be on Front street. There will be large offices on the second floor for the use of Superintendent Lambert and heads of departments. The beauty of the building may be marred by the presence of the ramshackle postoffice, but as there was no other suitable site available for the station it was decided to go ahead with the work. The designs are being made by Mr. Richley.—Herald.

DILLINGHAM'S GIFT.

The Hilo Library was the recipient recently of \$300 from B. F. Dillingham of Honolulu. The liberality of Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham in this direction has been fully appreciated by the many patrons of the public library.—Tribune.

DEATH OF HON. F. C. LEBLOND.

Hon. F. C. LeBlond, father of Hon. C. M. LeBlond of Hilo, died at his home in Celestia, Ohio, on November 9. He represented his district in Congress for several terms and was well known all over the middle west.—Herald.

THE BAILDING RECEPTION.

The storm of wind and rain that swept over the city last Saturday afternoon was not a bar to the success of the "At Home" given by Mrs. W. T. Baidling of Waiuku in honor of Mrs. E. T. Baidling.

The guests were received by Mrs. W. T. Baidling and Mrs. E. T. Baidling, assisted by Mrs. Severance, Mrs. Hyde and Miss Severance.

HILO NEWS NOTES.

Attorney General Dole is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Watt at Honokaa.

Miss Sutton is the guest of Miss Margaret Farquhar at Honouliuli.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlin are expected to return to Hilo by the S. S. Enterprise.

The Wilder's Steamship Company will probably take one of the Peacock stores next month.

W. J. Bates will begin driving piles for the railroad bridges over the Wai-akea this week.

The Bishop of Panopolis was a passenger by the Claudine. He will spend several days here on business connected with the Catholic mission.

One of Hilo's young business men is contemplating a cruise in the South Seas shortly in a yacht.

Smoke was seen issuing from the Dewey crater on Mauna Loa on Tuesday and there was a rumor that there was some activity there.

All of the lessees of land on the shore of Reed's bay will join in the petition for an annulment of the Waiakea lease.

C. A. Peacock, formerly a Honolulu business man, is in the city. Mr. Peacock is on his way to Australia where he has been in business since leaving Hawaii. He has made up his mind to change again and this time will settle in San Francisco. Mr. Peacock says Hilo has relatively made a bigger growth in the past six years than Honolulu. He believes that tourist trade will prove one of the most valuable assets of the Islands and that the best way to get tourists is to treat them royally when they are here.

Albert Horner's string will not be represented at the New Year races. Princess Leota is in foal and Alpheus is not in racing condition this fall.

P. Peck, who is in San Francisco in the interest of the Hilo-Kohala railroad, will come home by the Enterprise December 8.

Mauna Kea peaks have been covered with snow during the past week, presenting a beautiful view from Hilo.

C. A. Peacock, J. S. McAndrews, Miss Hawley and Mr. O'Brien came down from the Volcano Tuesday afternoon.

A. W. Richardson and bride arrived by the Claudine Wednesday evening and were greeted at the wharf by a number of friends. A carriage appropriately decorated was awaiting them. They were driven at once to their home on Church street, which was in readiness.

Captain Lake arrested two Japanese Wednesday on the charge of neglecting the condition of the harness on their teams hauling licensed vehicles. The laws of Hawaii are very strict on the

point of safety to travellers in licensed vehicles. No horse or team less than four years old is allowed on this island, where the roads travel quickly and the drivers are not to be trusted. The laws of a Rocky Mountain stage driver.

BROUGHT APPLES FROM THE NORTH

WASHINGTON APPLE
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The above was the legend that was printed on each of about 600 cases of Washington apples, the first to come here direct from Seattle and they made up only a small portion of the big cargo of 2899 tons of general merchandise brought here by the steamer Tampico. The shipment is the direct result of the visit here a couple of months ago of a gentleman who represented a number of Seattle firms who are interested in working up a direct trade with Hawaii.

This gentleman, H. Jacobs Shellmunt, has returned to Honolulu for another visit. He stated yesterday that Seattle people were very much alive to the importance and extent of the island trade and intended to push it for all it is worth. Although San Francisco now has the bulk of the trade and will retain it, Mr. Shellmunt says that Seattle business men consider that they can secure quite a large trade here. The Tampico brought all the cargo she had room for.

HOW AUSTIN MET CHARGES

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is, at the end of the month we could find what the amounts were there.

TREASURY CASH WAS NOT COUNTED.

The Chairman: Q. Did you count the cash in the Treasurer's office?

A. No; except when requested to do so by the Minister of Finance or the Treasurer.

Q. Then you never counted the cash, when you made these checks? A. No.

Q. Why wasn't that done? A. Because I did not think it was the duty of the Auditor to do it unless requested by the Treasurer, who was responsible for the cash. And the Registrar of Public Accounts.

Q. How would you know there was a cash balance left in the office if you did not count the cash after you checked the books?

A. Well, he must have certainly had a cash balance there. There was a sworn statement as to the amounts paid in and out, and his own accounts. Q. But that is not my question; how would you know there was a cash balance there unless you counted the cash balance?

A. From my own personal knowledge; I could see there was cash in the Treasury, but I didn't count it.

Q. Then you would not know there was that cash balance there when you checked his accounts, would you, only from what he said?

A. Not from personal feeling of the money, or personally counting it.

Q. On whom did the responsibility for making the examinations of the various departments fall?

A. On the Auditor. Do you mean the examinations of the books?

Q. Yes.

A. It was the purpose of the Audit Department.

Q. What was your custom in reference to the frequency of the examination of the departments?

A. Mr. Meyers, Deputy Auditor, checked the Public Works Department and the Treasury Department every quarter.

Q. Now, at the Land Department, when were the books last audited there?

A. I used to check them every year, this is to complete the checking for the year. Of course it was done from time to time.

Q. Who did the checking?

A. I did, with the assistance of two of my clerks. It was checked, if I remember rightly, up to the 31st of December, 1901.

LAND DEPT. LAST CHECKED IN DECEMBER, 1901.

Q. You mean to say that the Land Department since the 31st of Dec., 1901, has not been audited?

A. Not completely audited; I mean not fully checked with the stubs or receipts in the Department.

Q. Has any kind of auditing been done there since the 31st of December, 1901?

A. No.

Q. Why not?

A. We had a sworn statement of each accounting officer. He has to make a sworn statement to the Auditing Department every month, and we knew all the cash that is paid in there, and the bills paid from the Department, because the Auditing Department pays the bills by warrants and I would go through the year's work when the year was completed to find in the detailed receipts for the year, and month to month, the sworn statement from that Department.

Q. Is it not a fact that the Auditor should audit the books of the department more than once a year?

A. We did it as often as we could with the assistance we had.

Q. I understood you to say that you had plenty of assistance.

A. I think the books were properly and sufficiently examined. Of course in the present turnover of affairs I would probably be more careful, that is, would probably audit them oftener, perhaps; but as far as making the Auditor responsible for all the cash in the Government, I do not think you could get a man in the country who would be willing to take such responsibility as that.

(To be continued.)

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And the game, so well worthy of the Championship Day, was the magnet which drew to Kapiolani Park a record crowd of spectators. The strings of carriages were longer and the occupants more enthusiastic perhaps than any such gathering ever seen here, except on the annual race day. It was a well mounted and gowned company too, for the brilliant colors flashing from every kind of vehicle, from cart to coach, added to the general beauties of the scene.

Everybody was there. To attempt to enumerate the visitors to the quarter-saratch will be impossible, for the company was a constantly shifting one, the men spending a good portion of the afternoon passing about through the lines of vehicles greeting friends and making a species of Reception Day out of the occasion. The earliest comers found places along the fence at the center of the field and soon the lines of vehicles were strung out until they included every inch available on the Diamond Head side and then the city boundary was covered, late comers being compelled to stand their horses in the race track or to give over an attempt to see the game from vehicle and take it in from the benches along the lines.

Before the game the early comers were treated to a view of the ponies which have been worked during the week. Led by Master of the Horse Gerrit P. Wilder and Master of the Field C. W. Dickey, the more than a half hundred animals passed completely around the field, each in charge of a groom. First came the octet which came down from Hilo and after these the Maui contingent, led by the famous Foxy Grandpa and Tom Thumb, they in turn being followed by the Kaula animals, the Melina brothers, of such fame from the Tuesday's and Thursday's games, being in charge of the ponies from the Rice stables. Last of all came the Oahu horses and many of these were recognized by name and greeted with applause as they passed along the lines, the honors being divided between the Kaula animals and men and the local ponies.

After a ten minutes wait the game was on and then for an hour and a half the white lined space was full of flying horses, stick swinging men and a bounding sphere. Before the game was on there was some little speculation on the result, the Oahu team being the favorites on account of the superior team play which has been shown in the preliminary games. There was little setting, though an occasional bottle or hat was in evidence to those who looked on from the side lines. The Maui men were not entirely discouraged however, for they were of opinion that their speed might give them advantages which would over-balance the play of the locals, or at least make it a game in which a narrow margin alone would tell who had the victory.

The first quarter hour's play settled the convictions of those who watched the contest. From the time the ball was dropped into play the first time the

work of the locals seemed to put the result beyond question barring the accidents which must figure in all such contests. The play was never allowed to lag, the men getting into it with decision and speed, riding fast and in some instances recklessly, as is shown by the number of fouls allowed, three being marked up in one period. The stick work was not of the highest order all the time during the first period, for the misses were many and in many cases unaccountable.

Maui disappointed most. The work of the canary clad men was not up to form. Neither was it possible for them to make their horses show the speed that they are known to possess. Frank Baldwin had to ride Foxy with a whip, and then he was held safe by Shingle very often, on one occasion Dillingham clearly outwitting him on Puuloa, in a race down field. This was of course not the rule, for often Baldwin was able to make such a spurt that he could clear the field and bankhand a ball on the goal line, saving the score which seemed certain for Oahu.

Von Tempky was most seriously out of form in the first half of the game. He missed with frequency when the stroke was fair and its failure was fatal. Later, especially in the last period he was in better shape and some of his stops and passes forward were fine as any seen on the field. Harry Baldwin played the careful and consistent game that has marked his work since he entered the list of games, but Dole could not be held. Wilbur both rode and drove well, but on the whole



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